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Russian Folk Rhymes




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"Magpie, Magpie, tell me, pray,
Where have you been?"



"Far away!
I made a fire,
And I cooked some mush,



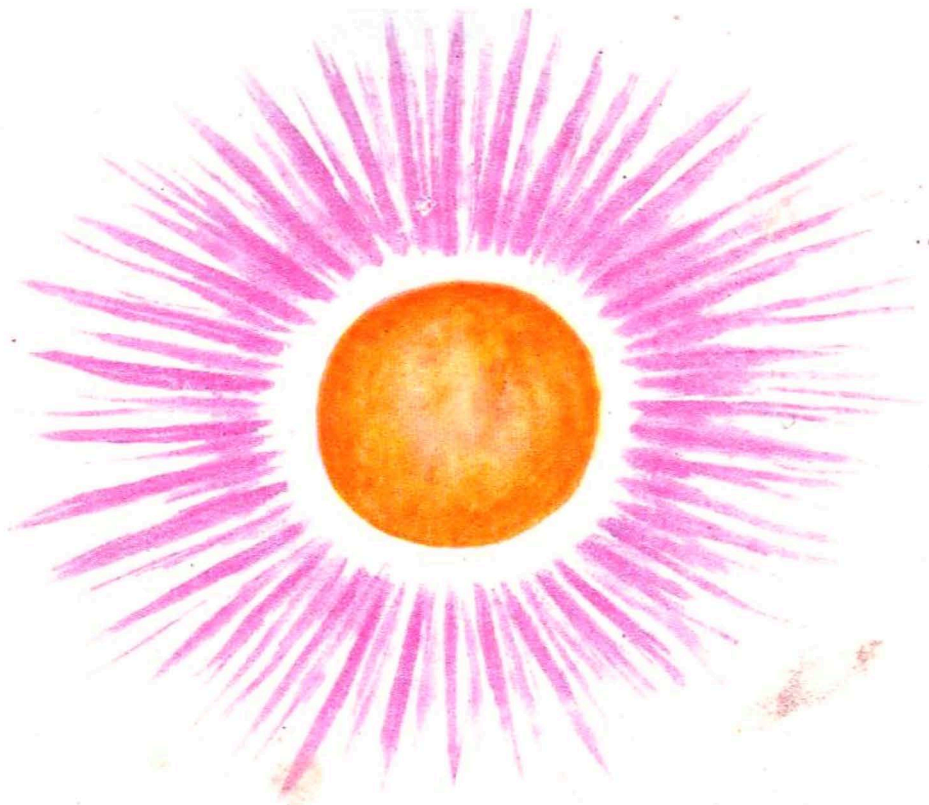




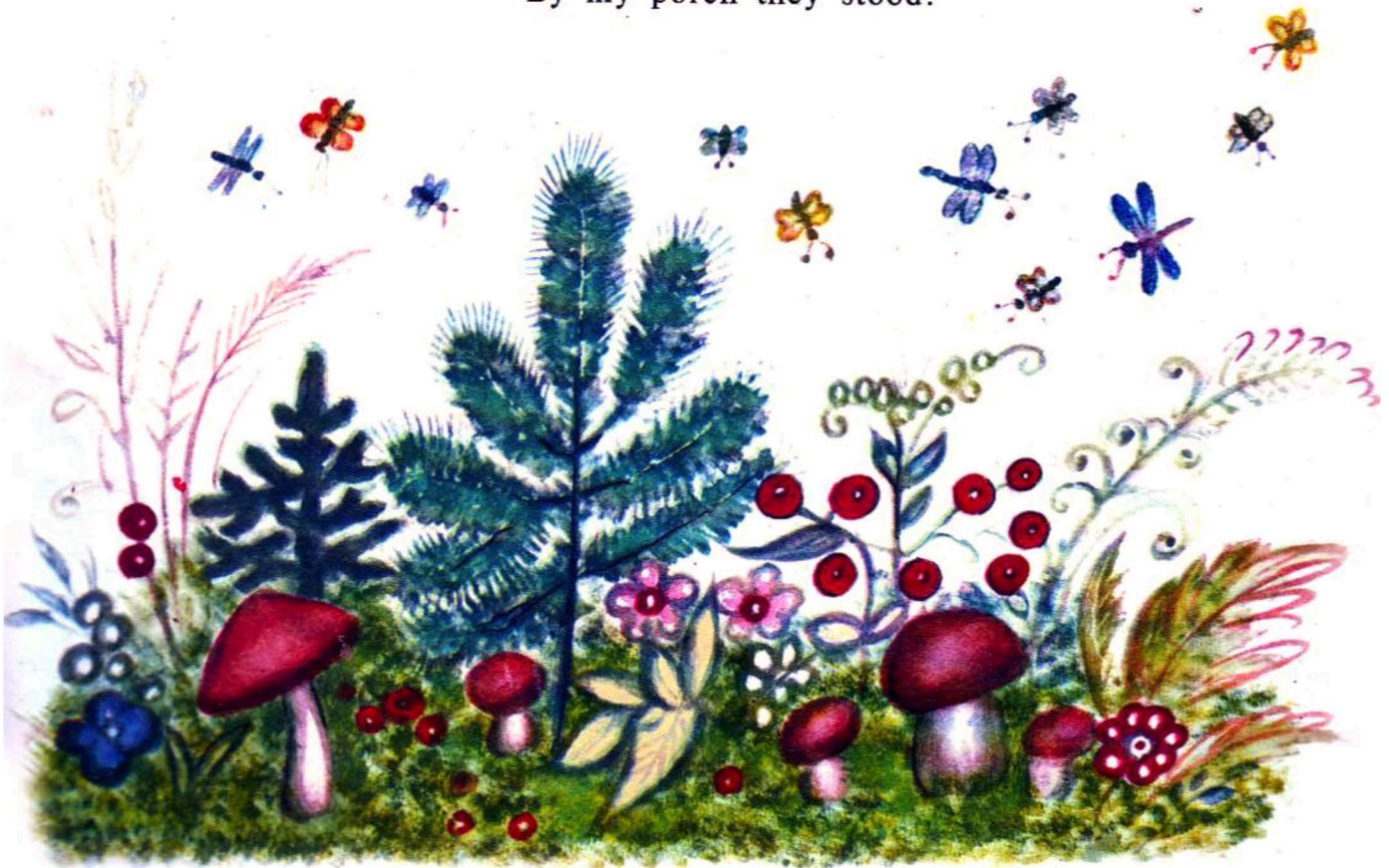
"I called to my friends,
And they came at a rush!"







"A hungry brood,
By my porch they stood.







"The squirrel got some mush
And so did the hare,
The duck and the owl
Each got a share.
But one poor little soul
got none at all:



"He had fetched no water,
He had chopped no wood,
He had made no fire,
He had cooked no food."







Shoo!—and away they flew.
They pecked no bread—
They perched on your head,
And wherever they went—from
west to east—
They told their friends
of the Magpie's feast.





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